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AIR DISTRICT TO HOST CONTEST WINNERS' AWARD CEREMONY

Lancaster -- The Antelope Valley Air Pollution Control District (AVAPCD) will be hosting an awards ceremony for the winners of its fourth annual Clean Air Month Poster Contest on Tuesday, May 15 at 3:30 PM. The ceremony will be held at the AVAPCD's Lancaster headquarters.

The ceremony will honor first, second and third place winners in four age categories between 4 and 18, who will be awarded \$100, \$75 and \$50 savings bonds, respectively, courtesy of contest co-sponsors Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company/Palmdale and the Air & Waste Management Association's Mojave Desert Chapter. Additionally, contest winners whose entries are the result of a classroom project will have their teachers recognized alongside them during the event.

National Clean Air Month is observed each year during May, for the purpose of elevating public awareness about the importance of clean air, and each person's responsibility in protecting air quality. The theme of this year's Clean Air Month poster contest was "Spare the Air in the New Millennium.

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY: The twelve winners of the Clean Air Month Poster Contest and their teachers are expected to be on hand to receive their awards. Members of the AVAPCD Governing Board are scheduled to make the award presentations. Michael Haro, Environmental Manager for Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company/Palmdale, and AVAPCD Operations Manager Bret Banks will also assist with the presentations.

LOCATION: AVAPCD headquarters are located at 43301 Division Street, Suite 206, at Avenue K-6 in Lancaster.